

Emma Alexander

Dear Robert Frost,

I would like to tell you that your poetry has truly altered my life forever. When I first heard your poem, "The Road Not Taken," I was in second grade. Ever since, that poem has been my absolute favorite. Your poetry motivated me to take that road not taken, to persevere, and to never give up. Your poem has taught me to not do an activity just because it was what everyone else was doing. I learned this lesson the hard way, because I was going through a situation where I had to choose which road I would follow. I was in a similar situation as the man in the poem. I was trying to decide whether to try out for what everyone told me to try out for or to just try out for what I really wanted to. I hadn't seen your poem for a while, and just about a week before tryouts, I saw, "The Road Not Taken" again. I wanted my choice of activities that I participate in to be worth while in the end. So, I tried out for what I really wanted to and I made it! Since then, I have had several practices and I have made new friends that have changed my life.

Not only has your poem changed my life style, I believe it has also changed my potential. I believe that before I heard "The Road Not Taken," I may not have been on the course to a successful future. Now I believe your poem has led me on the road to a successful future. Your poems have not only changed my actions, they have altered the way I think about others. "The Road Not Taken," has changed the person inside me and has made me a well-rounded individual. I believe that I would not be where I am today if you had not written that poem. I believe that your anthology of poems has changed other people as well. I know I am a truly changed fan. I will surely never forget the words, "I shall be saying this with a sigh, ages and ages hence, two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." I hope that when my life comes to a close, that I will be able to honestly say those words.

Your most motivated fan,
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